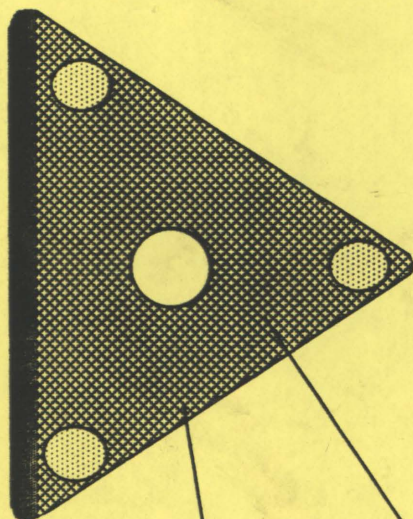
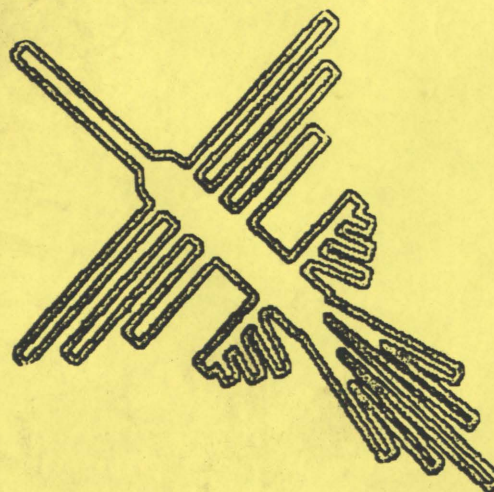
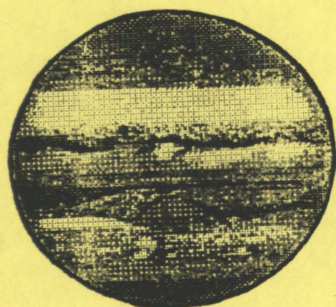


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A NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER FOR 1998

Welcome to a New Year and a new look newsletter. As part of the launch of the bi-monthly OVNI, we thought that we would give our readers a new presentation and start the new year off on the right foot.

Although it is the content of the newsletter that is important to the reader, an improvement in the overall look of the OVNI newsletter has been long overdue and we hope that you will like it.

In this issue we are carrying another feature from our friend in Guatemala, Dr. Oscar Padilla Lara. Dr. Padilla is an Abogado y Notario (Solicitor and Administrator of Oaths) as well as being a prominent member of numerous UFO organizations in both the USA and South America. Dr. Padilla discusses the possibility that the pre-Colombian Mayan's may have been in touch with 'Space People' and a number of photographs have been reproduced supporting this theory.

Dr. Padilla has carried out extensive investigation into the old records held in Guatemala City. The chronology of past events has been recorded back from past antiquity, through to the Olmecs and later the Mayas, then the Quiches.

Similar investigations have been carried out by Eric Van Danniken in the past, but this is a new outlook on the history of Guatemala.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

24th November 1997



The Duke of Edinburgh sent his thanks to the PRA, after receiving a copy of 'Flying Triangle UFO's: The Continuing Story.' (Omar Fowler's latest booklet on the FT's).

The Duke also sent his best wishes for the future, according to Captain Samuel Courtland of the Grenadier Guards. (Temporary Equerry to HRH).

It is well known that the Duke of Edinburgh has an interest in UFO reports. According to a recent TV interview with the well known author Desmond Leslie,

the Duke of Edinburgh was interested in meeting Stephen Darbishire back in 1954. Stephen had taken a photograph of an 'Adamski' type craft, and this had been widely publicised at the time. Subsequently a secret meeting was arranged with the young UFO witness and the Duke of Edinburgh.

In the last issue of the OVNI, we referred to the article in the Sunday Times of 2nd November 97. This related how in 1954, Squadron Leader Peter Horsley, equerry to Prince Philip, found himself driving out of the main gates of Buckingham Palace on his way to the strangest and most unearthly, encounter of his life.

A meeting had been arranged by a general, for him to meet a Mrs. Markham in a flat in Smith Street, Chelsea. The squadron leader was expecting little more than sherry and biscuits. What he got, was an introduction to man's destiny in the stars and a briefing on the supreme being, the Great Force, who commands the universe. It all happened when he met 'Janus' an interstellar emissary assigned to the 'British beat' and was intent on meeting the Duke of Edinburgh!

MORE ON THE MYSTERIOUS MINEHEAD LIGHT

We have now received a further report concerning the craft that appeared to emit the light beam that brought Mr Simon Bushell's car to a halt on the evening of 4th November last year, near Minehead, Somerset. (see the last issue of OVNI)

The sighting of the UFO was made by two children, Sam and Jodi G., from their home at Luxborough, just a short distance from the incident. The two children watched the object for about five minutes, from their upstairs bedroom window.

They described the UFO as being a black, almost round craft, which emitted a wide beam of intense white light. This was followed by a bright red beam of light shooting downwards onto the trees below, giving the impression that the trees "were on fire".

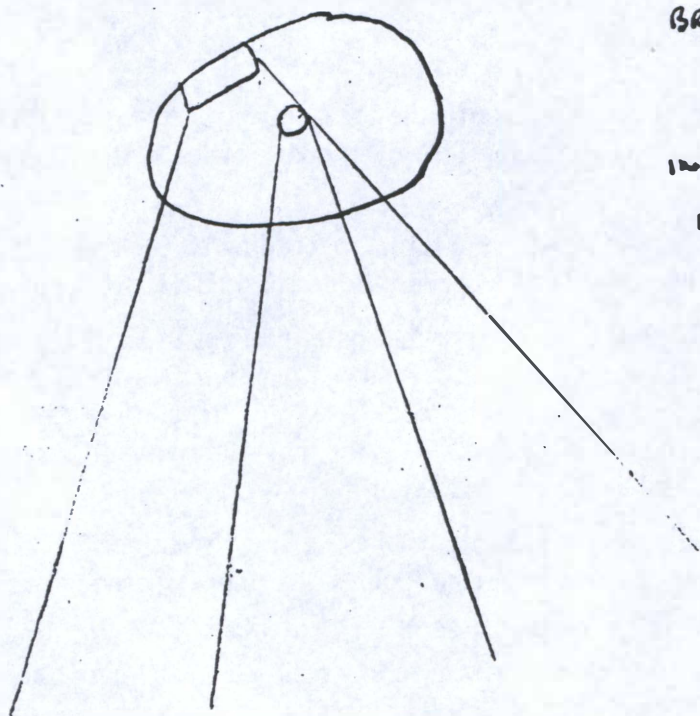
The incident occurred at around 6pm, the same time that Mr Bushell had his experience with the beam of light stopping his car. The two young witnesses also noted that they heard no sound coming from the craft and it was described as being about the size of a tea cup saucer (i.e. very close).

The craft which at first appeared to be stationary, then started to spin anti-clockwise at an increasing rate, until it was spinning "very, very fast". The craft then moved away to the West and upwards (75 degrees) at a "high velocity".

The children noticed that their pet hamster, kept in a cage in their bedroom, "became unusually active and ran around in its cage, knocking into things".

The mother of the two children, mentioned that some weeks ago, they and their neighbour experienced the houses shaking, but there were no reported earth tremors. (There may be something very unusual going on in that part of the West of England. Mr Anthony Carr of Paulton near Bristol, has sent us a recording of a pulsating roaring noise, recently recorded coming down from the sky over his home).

The sketch of the UFO is shown below:



BRIGHT RED LIGHT IN CENTRE
THROWING A NARROW BEAM

INTENSE WHITE LIGHT FROM TOP (LATER
FROM BOTTOM RIGHT) THROWING A
WIDE BEAM.

FOREST HAD THE APPEARANCE OF
BEING "ON FIRE" CAUSED BY
THE RED LIGHT.

CRAFT HAD THE APPEARANCE
OF BEING SLIGHTLY OBSCURED
BY TREES IN FORE GROUND

INTENSE UFO ACTIVITY REPORTED FROM EAST ANGLIA

There have been an increasing number of reports coming in, concerning unusual and extraordinary UFO activity along the coast of East Anglia. We have heard from a number of our 'sources' that not only Flying Triangles, but balls of light and luminous craft are now being encountered at ground level in country areas around Lowestoft!

The UFO activity mentioned in the last issue of OVNI, is continuing and becoming more bizarre by the day. One of the two main witnesses (a camcorder operator), now believes that he is 'interacting' with an Alien intelligence. We understand that within the last few days he was able to mentally contact an intelligence, while out in a country area. This resulted in a glowing craft with flashing lights appearing close to him, but shortly afterwards it faded and vanished, whereupon a farmer arrived in his truck, to enquire what the witness was doing on his land?

We have been told that what has now been video'd is "mind blowing" and "there is something going on of a very high order". We understand that Thetford Forest is an area of unusual activity. According to one of our sources, there have been many bizarre things seen, especially around the Thetford area. This has included black Cadillac's, with men sitting in them, wearing tinted glasses and men in the area wearing black 'jump suits'. *(Could these people be the same as those reported by Larry Warren, in his book 'Left At East Gate' page 60: "I was in a small group of airmen; leading the way were two men dressed in black SWAT-type uniforms?)*

Final comment from our information source: "There are things going on now, of a highly personal nature, between these two guys and whatever they are dealing with!"

LATEST FLYING TRIANGLE REPORTS RECEIVED:

CAMBRIDGE: 21 November 97

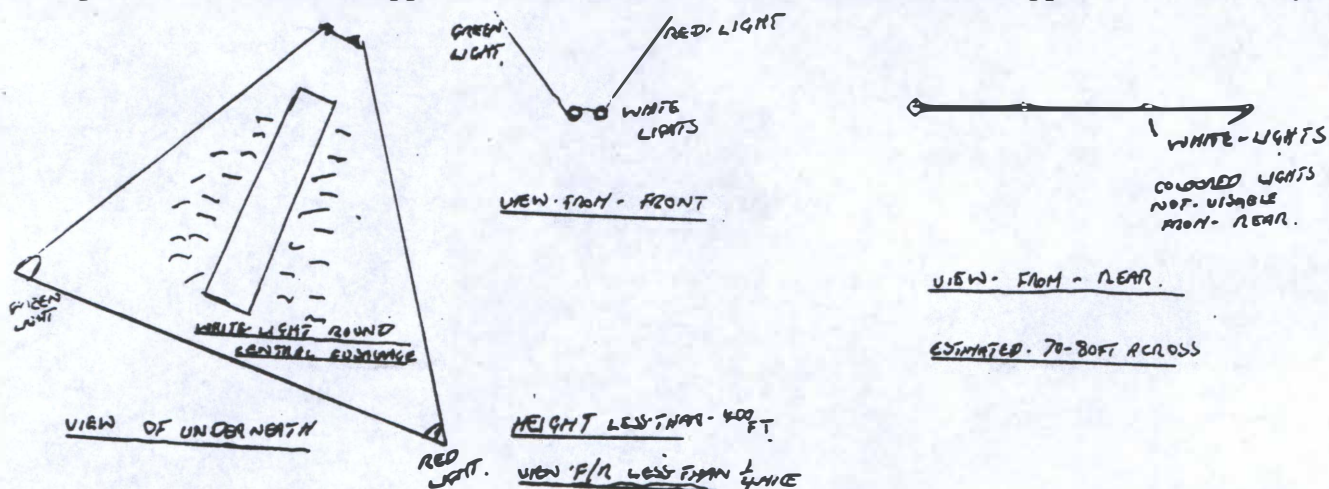
A report has been received from Mr P.Chapman who related the following incident that took place between Babraham and Little Abbingdon Cambs. -

The time was about 9.20pm and I had just turned onto the A1307 with my wife (and dog on the back seat) when I drew my wife's attention to two low lights in the distance. They were moving and changed their course from East to South and then came around again to head North. This was the direction that I was following and we then noticed that the lights were hovering at about 70 degrees just above us. I heard no sound coming from the object.

My wife was very frightened and told me to drive on, but I stopped for 3-4 minutes and observed the object as it hovered. It was a black triangle and we were so close, I could see white lights underneath and on both sides of the fuselage.

The craft then began to move at about 20mph and I turned the car around and watched it slowly heading NE towards Newmarket. I wish that I could have followed it and had a camera with me.

(Mr Chapman noted that there appeared to be an electric storm in the distance, approx. 30 miles away).



Reports from the UFO AWARENESS GROUP, Waterlooville, Hampshire.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION/RUNDOWN	WITNESS
Feb97	11.30pm	Eye NR Rendlesham,	Nick Caley Emma Andrews

The witnesses were driving towards Eye when they noticed that there was a lot of static on the car radio. They were travelling on a country road at about 40 mph. They noticed through one of the side windows, that there was a large solid object with a definite triangular shape pacing them. The object was darker than the surrounding sky, it had three bright dazzling lights which were definitely not shining downwards. The object was approximately 45-50 degrees above the horizon. The object went behind some tall trees which were 70 to 80 feet in height and then re-appeared in front of them at which point it was hovering making no sound. By this time the witnesses had reached home and it was still visible. Another family member fetched some binoculars and managed to obtain a brief view before it suddenly disappeared in seconds.

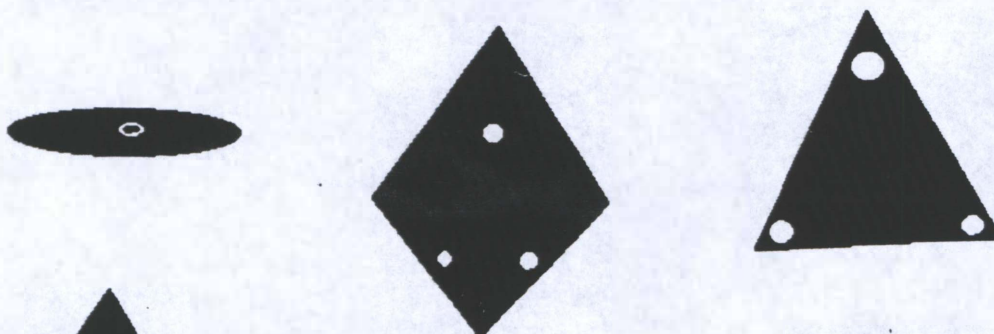
12 Aug 97	10.30pm	Bromeswell/Eye/Woodbridge	M. Tatterton
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The witness was leaving some friends at their home, as he was leaving they noticed that the TV was acting 'funny'. On the journey home he saw a fuzzy saucer shaped object keeping pace with the car (40mph) at Bromeswell he saw that the object had changed to a triangular shape and become much sharper. Two other cars had stopped further on and the occupants were looking at it. (unable to trace witnesses) Shortly before it disappeared (by Martlesham Red Lion) it changed back into a perfect saucer shape.

28th Aug97	8.40pm	Ipswich/Castle Hill/Whitton	JuantaDye Zara Ward Cathy Ward
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The girls were driving down Mc Cauley Road having met Juanta from work. They saw a bright light in the sky. They stopped and observed it and they came to the conclusion that it was a star. They carried on down the road and then stopped again, this time the object was slowly moving in a downward direction. They drove towards the object all feeling very excited by this time. They again stopped the car and Juanta and Zara got out of the car and looked up, they saw a distinct triangular shaped object hovering over them, the next thing they saw that it was circular which had two bright lights very close together and small lights flashing around it. The object hovered for about 45 seconds at a speed which no airplane or helicopter could emulate. They then saw that it was hovering over Ipswich Docks for some considerable time and then disappeared.

view 1.



view 2.



witness Dye/Ward

Witness Caley February 1997



witness Tatterton 12 Aug 1997

The Evening Sky

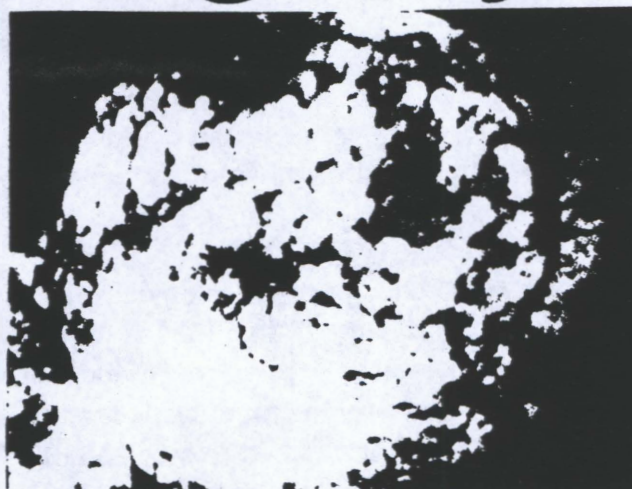
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On January 4th the Earth is at its closest to the Sun for the whole year (91 million miles) which is known as 'perihelion', and yet we are experiencing the depths of winter. The Sun is brighter and hotter by 7% now than in July. However, the Earth's Northern Hemisphere is tilted away from the Sun, keeping the days short and the Sun low in the sky. It is the Sun's low altitude that makes our part of the world nippy in winter. In July, the Earth is actually 4 million miles further away from the Sun.

Do not let the chill of winter send you indoors because the winter constellations are too beautiful to miss. Symmetrical Orion is so eye catching. At the top left hand corner of this constellation shines the golden/orange star Betelgeuse and at the opposite lower end gleams the white star Rigel. In between, three stars in a row glitter like bluish silver studs pointing the way to the star of stars, Sirius.

The first days of the year provide the last opportunity to observe Venus before the planet briefly disappears from view. The most exciting observation will be Jupiter and Mars, for you will actually observe Mars moving across the western sky just after evening twilight. On January 1st, Jupiter is just below a waxing crescent Moon; below Jupiter is Mars; and below Mars is Venus. By January 20th, Mars has travelled towards Jupiter and the two planets sidle past each other like ships passing in the night.

The Quadrantid meteor shower peaks on January 3rd. The sky will be dark and Moonless after midnight and you should



Eta Carinae exploded 155 years ago

see many meteorites from the UK. However, the best place to observe the Quadrantid this year will be from Japan.

No other star is like Eta Carinae, which is about 7,500 light years away from Earth. It is 1000 times bigger than our Sun and 4 million times brighter. It is among the most massive stars believed to exist. 155 years ago, Eta Carinae underwent a giant outburst and for a few months in 1843, outshone all other stars. It was the biggest explosion that any star is known to have survived.

Two new moons have been discovered orbiting the planet Uranus making a total of 17 moons in orbit. The solar observation satellite (orbiting the Sun) has discovered the Sun rotates at different rates below the surface and that these subsurface 'shear zones' may play a role in sunspot formation.

Remember, it takes your eyes about 15 minutes to adjust to the darkness of the night sky. When you are observing, do wrap up warm and sit comfortably. I wear arctic winter gear and lie on a sunbed looking directly upwards. The Evening Sky is the most spectacular and the greatest show on Earth.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Happy New Earth Year to you all!

Walter Berg - P.O. Box 4025 - Milton Keynes - MK13 7IY - U.K.

News From 'The Islander' Gulf Breeze, Florida, U.S.A.

Skywatch Diary

By Carole Baker

Many people who come to the Gulf Breeze area to look into the UFO phenomena here, and particularly those who come out to skywatch at Shoreline Park often have questions about the history of UFO sightings in the area.

Much research in past issues of local newspapers has so far yielded this report from the Pensacola News Journal dated July 27th 1952. We will continue to search for even earlier reported sightings, but so far this is the earliest one we have found. This particular report states that "One Warrington Navy man reported that he saw three ember-red lighted objects in the sky in his neighborhood." He said they "travelled real fast, then seemed to stop abruptly." He reported that he was familiar with all types of aircraft, but that he seen "nothing like these" ever before. The article goes on to state "... an East Pensacola woman said she had seen disc-shaped objects flying overhead, and that they had an orange glow to them. Residents of the Eglin Air Force Base area reported that two orange-colored discs hovered to the south-southeast for three or four minutes before vanishing. These persons too reported that they were familiar with conventional aircraft and their characteristics and that the discs fitted no conventional crafts' description." The article goes on to discuss various other sightings around the country in the same time frame including those which showed up on radar in the Washington D.C. area. Eyewitness reports of "orange glowing balls" flying across the sky in River Edge, New Jersey and Cleveland, Ohio are also included. The article concludes with a report from Key West, Florida of "an orange-yellow ball off fire (that) streaked across the sky".

We have other sighting reports from local newspapers citing events occurring between 1952 and 1986 which we will include from time to time and we will continue to research the history of sightings in this area prior to 1952.

Of course, most people became aware that any kind of anomalous phenomena exists in Gulf Breeze in the late 1980's with the much publicized Ed Walters case. The photographs that Mr. Walters took are now recognized worldwide, and to some have become a benchmark in the phenomena. However, Mr. Walters' experience is not unique to the area, there are other witnesses who have taken photographs and video of what they have seen in the sky here. No other photographic evidence has been offered, however, that is as numerous or of such quality as the Walters photographs, and the publicity that surrounded the case is what makes most people think "Ed Walters" when they think about Gulf Breeze.

On talking to many of the fishermen who frequent the Bob Sykes Bridge, and in conversations with fishermen and long time residents in the area, there are many stories of quite amazing sightings that predate the Ed Walters case, including the "Jane" photographs from 1986, and even this report from 1952. People talk about the stories their grandfathers told them of the "weird lights" they used to see while fishing in local waters. I also know of one woman whose grandmother used to take her and her sisters out at night to the north shore of Gulf Breeze in the Naval Live Oaks area "to watch the lights". So, the events that continue to occur in the Gulf Breeze area, whether they are sightings of anomalous lights or strange, unidentifiable silver-metallic craft hovering over Shoreline Park in the daylight, have a long and intriguing history.

There is a long history of sightings in the Gulf Breeze area and along the Gulf Coast and here is just a sampling of some of the reports that we have collected.

From the Pensacola News Journal, October 16th, 1973: "UFO Reported Over I-10: CRESTVIEW - Two Mississippians reported seeing an unidentified flying object near Interstate 10 Monday at about 1:30 a.m. According to sheriff's department reports, Greg E. Havard and Will Hollin Jr., of Lucedale, spotted the UFO hovering to the south of the interstate somewhere between the Pensacola bridge and the Fort Walton Beach exit. They reported it was stopped in the air about 1000 feet up and lit up by some "normal looking" lights and some flashing lights. They told sheriff's deputies they watched it for about five minutes, then it swooped away, making no noise. In a separate incident, Philip Lynch, a visitor to the area, reported spotting four UFOs at 10:36 Sunday night 15 miles east of Destin. The UFOs were white, at about 3000 feet and travelling at a high rate of speed toward Destin according to Lynch's report. He said there was no noise. Lynch reported the sighting to the Air Force's Air Defense Training Center at Eglin. An Air Force spokesman said there was no trace of any flying objects on the radar."

Multiple witnesses are cited in this Pensacola News Journal Report from July 8th, 1975: "UFOs Spotted by 12 Late Night Observers - At least a dozen persons fishing in Grand Lagoon over the weekend reportedly watched two unidentified flying objects darting in the skies "at incredible speed" for more than two hours. Six women, accompanied by their husbands, were participating in a three-day fishing rodeo when the brilliant objects were sighted about midnight Sunday. James Clancy, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club commodore reported the aerial phenomena resembled stars "except that they were moving and darting around like no airplane or anything any of us had ever seen before". He added, however, that the two UFOs were so high in the sky that their general shape and size were impossible to determine. "When they moved slowly and steadily in a straight line, it was not anything that would particularly get your attention", Clancy said. "But then they would shoot off in one direction, up or down, or to either side, moving at unbelievable speed and angles. When they accelerated around fast, they left behind a trail of light like a comet". Clancy said that the motion of the flight reminded him of the way a water bug darts on top of the water. Another witness, Mrs. Chesley Severns, 9 Victoria Place, said her attention was first focused on the bright light while she was fishing. "I noticed this thing at the end of my fishing pole. Although it was a hazy night, we could see it well because of its brilliance. And it maneuvered more than anything I've ever seen - from north to south and from east to west. Then another one began moving". She agreed that they appeared to be stars except for extraordinary speeds and 90-degree-angle turns. Mrs. Severns alerted Charles Fillio, a retired Navy navigator, who grabbed a pair of night vision binoculars and followed the flights for about twenty minutes. "At first, sitting there on the dock, I thought it was a satellite," he said, but soon changed his mind when he saw a change of direction. "It was pretty strange". But he said he wouldn't stake his reputation on their identities because it was too far away to pin them down. A teen-ager, Denise Woltzen of Rt.,6, Box 980, reported the objects "didn't act like shooting stars. They seemed to move in a pattern, up and down and from side to side. I stayed up until 2 a.m. watching them and they were still moving when I went to sleep," she said. Mrs. John Bethune, 8554 Chemstrand Road., said about 2:30 a.m. her attention was focused on a reddish colored light near the mouth of the Gulf that would extinguish and reappear at intervals. She watched for forty five minutes as it moved from the channel to the bridge. She couldn't hear any noises and claimed it could not have been a fishing boat because it was moving at excessive speed. "It was getting eerie and I moved away from the dock", she said. Other witnesses followed the aerial flight until approximately 3 a.m. Sunday when the UFOs disappeared from sight, Clancy said. Those questioned said that they never flew in tandem. While they flew all over the sky they always stayed away from each other. The Federal Aviation Administration's Radar Air Traffic Control Center at Forrest Sherman Field Monday reported no unusual sightings during that time and their log showed no phone calls reporting any sightings."

If you wish to contact me, please e-mail me at Cbakerswd@aol.com or write to me at P.O. Box 17152, Pensacola FL 32522-7152, thank you. And remember - Keep Looking Up!

A CONTRIBUTION FROM OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE IN GUATEMALA:

DR. OSCAR R. PADILLA LARA

FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE STUDY OF UFOLOGY
(FROM TUESDAY JUNE 24 1947, TO TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1997)

CRONOLOGY OF EVENTS OF THE UFO PHENOMENON IN GUATEMALA,
C.A.

By: Dr. Oscar Rafael Padilla Lara

INTRODUCTION

UFOLOGY was born from the study of: GSV: Guided Space Vehicles; UFO: Unidentifies Flying Object; UFO: refers to the so-called flying saucers, which are precisely the unidentified flying objects. The initials mean Unidentified Flying Objects, which are studied in UFOLOGY, which refers to UFOS; this is an English term accepted by the Spanish Royal Academy, for the study of the above mentioned UFOS, of extraterrestrial intelligent life, cosmic, sidereal life, of the Milky Way, and of the Universe in general.

FLYING SAUCER:

Term with which extraterrestrial space ships are identified, as well as astroships, cosmohips, interplanetary ships, intergalactic space crafts and/or any other name by which it is called, referring to a flying object from outer space.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME:

1. An ancient Japanese text mentions that on October 27, 1180, a strange luminous object was seen, flying from a mountain in the province of Kii, to the mountain of Fukuhara, on the northeast, at midnight; a short while later, the object changed course and was lost from sight on the southern horizon, leaving behind a luminous streak, and it was described as a "Clay Dish".
2. A farmer in Denison, Texas, U.S.A., whose name was John Martin, in 1878, while he was hunting south of that city, discovered a flying object which was dark, and he gave it the name of "Flying Saucer".

UFOLOGIC HISTORY OF GUATEMALA, C.A.

We find different stories written according to the language of their time and others written with expressions which are nearly current, which describe sightings of strange flying objects, called "charriots of fire, thunderbolts, flying serpents, vimanas, uspakas, blue pearls, bright shields, winged ships, flying wheels or rolls, lead baskets which ascend and descend from heaven, waves of fire, bright circles, flying carpets" and still at present in Guatemala, C.A. in the village of Ayarza in the township of Casillas, department of Santa Rosa, they are called "flying bells". Besides in Mataquescuintla, Jalapa they are called "tray, dish, thing," and other names. In the village of Sombrerito-Parras, in the township of Santa Rosa, in this same country, they are called "flying dishpan" referring to the objects that have been sighted.

From our archaeological investigations, in ruins and other vestiges left by them, as proof of their relationship with other terrestrial civilizations as well as extraterrestrial which we have visited, especially in Guatemala, C.A. we have found:

FIRST: In Ancient times: there are many vestiges among the Olmecs, in the La Democracia area in the department of Escuintla, we have the giant strange faces, with different features from the native people. They have very round faces and seem to be very fat people, without any hair, since they look completely bold, some of them wearing goggles. Here in the city, in the Popol Vuh Museum, there is a piece from Olmec origin, where one can plainly see that they were wearing a helmet, like a pilot's or a motorist.

Likewise at the El Baul archaeological site, in Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa, Escuintla, Guatemala, C.A., at the museum there is a stelle which is carved with two giants which seem to be quarreling, where one is the winner and the other is the looser, and it can be seen wearing a diving suit, and under the helmet is the person's face, on his back he is carrying something that looks like an oxygen tank of cylinder, from which a tube is connected to the part over his ear, and from there over the face the helmet has a mask so that he can breath like in the astronaut's present suits.

At this museum we also found a stèle which depicts two men facing each other, holding between their hands the symbol of speech, they were separated and wearing ear phones on their ears and a microphone, which looks like the ones used at present in switchboards, and a cord around their face which joins with the man opposite (is this a head phone?) Does this represent that they are speaking on the telephone?

SECOND: During the Maya's Classical Period, there have also been found stèles carved with human figures, with helmets, diving suits, with oxygen tanks, like the ones found in the museum at Tikal, Peten, short and long fire arms, such as guns and laser ray guns.

In the archaeological site of Rio Azul in Petén, as well as in Ceibal in that same department, there is a weapon which looks like a machine gun. Is that what they saw? How could pre-Columbian Mayas have known of these weapons? From what could they copy it? Where did the artist find his model?

I wish to point out that at the museum at Tikal there are four figurines, 40 centimeters high, who are wearing helmets with lamps on their heads, similar to those worn by miners or hunters, and they are holding projectors or photographic cameras, their clothes is tight and close to their bodies and some are wearing boots. Where did these Mayan persons come from, with all of these objects and costumes? We also found many faces which have human features but look different from the people on earth.

At the National Archaeology Museum in Guatemala City, are the copies of Mayan Codes where you can see the glyphs which represent numbers. They are oval shaped and look like windows, and these symbols are very similar to Egyptian writing and remind us of space ships, known as flying saucers. Is it possible that these two earth civilizations were connected or that they were connected with extraterrestrials?

(Regrettably, the photographs supplied by Dr Padilla are not suitable for photocopying)

I also want to point out that all of the Mayan area belonged to Guatemala at one time, that is Yucatan, Tabasco and Chiapas in Mexico, the Tazumal area in the Department of Santa Ana in El Salvador, Santa Rosa de Copan in Honduras and Belice. I make this comment because in all of those archaeological sites there are remains which suggest visits from extraterrestrial beings.

In Chichén Itzá, Yucatán, now in Mexico, there is a great Mayan observatory which is a round building.

"Chacmol" resembles a space craft pilot, in flight position, wearing a helmet and ear phones, holding the wheel with his hands over his stomach. Besides, there are different sizes of gears which show how a machine, like the ones which we have at present, can run.

In the Mayan area of Uxmal, in the state of Yucatán, there is a stèle dated December 24, 2,011, which is the date on which the Mayas will return, and they communicated with their Gods by means of a black rock with a glass, could this have been a television? Other similar ones have been found in Guatemala.

In Tulun Cancún, Quintana Roo, there is a carved being with wings, like the ones also found in Copán, Honduras and Santa Lucía Cotzumalguapa, Guatemala.

¹ In Palenque in the Tabasco region, there is a very well-known plaque of an extraterrestrial, where a stylized Maya is depicted holding a microphone near his mouth, ear phones, with controls at his feet and near his hands, as the present day astronauts.

Besides, there is the "Crystal Skull" which was discovered in Lubaantun, Belice, in 1927 and is 1,000 years old, carved from one single piece of rare quartz crystal, which measures 12.7 cm. in height and weighs more than 5 Kgs., and the scientists who have

examined it have commented that the craftsmanship is beyond the limits of Mayan technology and there are many mysteries regarding it.

THIRD: During the Post-Classic era: among the Quiche's (Toltecs-Nahuas), their books relate stories about extraterrestrial beings such as the Popol Vuh, where it tells of many creators who came from Heaven, giants, smoking fire mountains which came and went, which suggests interplanetary ships. At the end it tells that these celestial beings returned to their residence among the stars.

On the other hand the Chilam Balam, a text on Mexican-Central American Indian literature of a religious character which is numeric and historical, tells stories with a chronology.

It makes the difference between Quetzalcoatl-Kukulcan, the cosmonaut God and Quetzalcoatl-Kukulcan the warrior.

Besides there are passages which tell that from the year 13 KAN on when the skies are burning and the earth is through with its greed, this is to happen due to an excess of suns, they shall all pray... because a different power shall be present, which is a power born in Heaven.

In the year 4 Kan it says: when sky and earth die ... and the sun and the earth shall come close together. Here there is a complete resemblance to the Book of Apocalypse of the Holy Bible, and to the existence of space ships and extraterrestrial intelligent life which shall be in conflict with the earth.

FOURTH: COLONIAL PERIOD

1. Title: Christopher Columbus saw UFOS
- Date: October 11, 1492
- Book: History of the Indies, Book I
- Page: 199
- Author: Fray Bartolomé de las Casas

2. Title: Bunch of Fire which Fell from the Sky
Date: September 15, 1532
Book: History of the Conquest of New Spain, Book 95
Page: 129
Author: Fray Bartolomé de las Casas
3. Title: Balls of Fire and Lights over Guatemala in 1575
Date: National Printing Press 1937
Book: Chronicle of the Provinces of the Sacred Name of Jesus, Chapter 129
Page: 262 and 267
Author: Fray Francisco Vasquez
4. Title: Mysterious Lights on Del Carmen Hill
Date: From 1620 to 1691
Book: The Street Where you Live
Page: 20 to 25
Author: Hector Gaitan

FIFTH: PHOTOGRAPHY BEFORE 1947

5. Title: Visions from the Far-off Regions of Chajul, Department of Quiché - Photography
Date: November 10, 1943
Book: Presidential travels, Book II - General Jorge Ubico
Page: 239
Author: Francisco Hernandez de Leon

SIXTH: CHRONOLOGY OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE LAST FIFTY YEARS FROM 1947, REGARDING SIGHTINGS OF UFOS

A file kept through the years of newspaper clippings from the most important newspapers with the largest circulation, such as: Diario El Imparcial, El Impacto, La Nacion, La Tarde, Revista La Semana, Enigma, La Prensa Libre, El Grafico, La Hora, La Extra y Al Día.

Oscar Rafael Padilla Lara

TALE ENDERS

SIGHTING NEAR ASHBOURNE. At 5.54pm on the 6th December 97, Mr CM, saw a 'massive', strange light phenomenon in the area of Swiscoe Hill as he was heading in the direction of Leek. A large number of white lights (too many to count) passed by, travelling in a 'jerky' movement. There were also red, green and blue lights flashing simultaneously. A low humming sound was heard as the lights passed over. Weather conditions: Clear Sky. *Source: Bev.D.Wright, Stanton-in-Peak, Derbys.*

MANY CROP CIRCLES HAVE BEEN HOAXED this past summer, according to a well known dowser who wrote to us recently (*but don't quote me!*). "There have been some 122 formations listed and I have dowsed 49 as genuine, the rest have been 'man made'." "There have also been ice circles in the USA." *Source: PRA.*

THE CORNWALL UFO RESEARCH GROUP have a "rounded triangle" report, in their newsletter Issue 15. The location was at Launceston on 15th April 97 and the witnesses were travelling at about 10mph, when they saw an object pass over the rooftops in front of them. "It passed from left to right and had red, yellow and white lights around it, in the shape of a round triangle". "It was travelling very slowly and made no sound."

BIG BROTHER COULD BE WATCHING YOU! It must be true, it has now been printed in 'THE TIMES' (29/12/97). **Mobile Phones used as trackers!** By means of the regularly transmitted call signal, mobile phones can pinpoint the users within a few hundred yards! In Britain, six mobile phone companies are understood to have arrangements with law enforcement agencies (and no doubt with any other government agency that requests it).

ANOMALOUS TRACKS PHOTOGRAPHED ON MARS. On Monday 6th October 97, a picture from the Mars Global Surveyor was published on the Astronomy Picture of the Day website. It shows a line of uniform tracks running for just over 2 miles on the floor of the Vallis Nigral valley. One observer calculated that the tracks had been made fairly recently by an immense vehicle. *Source: UFO Roundup Vol.2 No.39. Oct 12 97.*

FT SPOTTED IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA On Saturday October 4, 97, at 7.15pm. Jim Hickman and several Police officers observed an usual object in the sky over Elk City, Oklahoma. The FT was observed SW and appeared to be a large bright triangular object with a hole in the centre. At 7.35pm., it was joined by another UFO. *Source: UFO Roundup Vol.2 No.39 Oct 12 97. (Our thanks to member Paul Whitehead for the info.)*

FT IN UFO AERIAL DOGFIGHT. At about 8pm on 18th September just SW of Springfield, Missouri, two boys (11 & 12) watched numerous moving star-like lights approach a triangular UFO (showing blue, green and red lights) and then shoot 'sparks' at the FT. The Flying Triangle took evasive action and flew away to the NW. Moments later the FT returned, to be again approached by two smaller UFO's, shooting 'sparks'. The FT made several turns and moved away to the SW. *Source: Editor Joseph Trainor, UFO Roundup. Vol.2 No.38 5 Oct.97.*

FT REPORTED IN PENNSYLVANIA at about 8pm on 16 December 97. Kevin L. spotted a large triangular UFO in the sky over Allison Park. The colour was dark gray, like a slab of granite. There were six large lights on the outer rim of the object. Two red lights were at the leading point, while others were white. Headed NW at a height about 4,000/6,000ft. **A FT was also seen in West Georgia** near Franklin (N of West Fork Lake) at 8.40pm on 5 December, heading SE at 2,000ft. *Source: Joseph Trainor, UFO Roundup. Vol 2, No.49. Dec. 21st*

FT ACTIVITY AROUND SHEFFIELD on the nights of 1st & 2nd January 98.

Three white lights on a FT were seen near Hathersage (midnight 1/1). The object was described as 'enormous' *Source: Max Burns.* Three blue lights (one flashing) were seen on an FT seen near Grt. Longston at 10.30pm. on 2/1, by a security guard while driving to work. *Source: Andrea Walker/PRA*

NEXT MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton (off A5111 circular road, L/H side on Chellaston Rd. Derby)

8pm on Tuesday 27th January 1998

Video presentation: Whitley Streiber - *an intriguing talk and mystifying objects captured on video.*

Members & non-members welcome: £1.00

Following meeting date - Tuesday February 24th